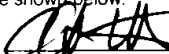


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003 (Paper No. 9), for which a response is due on May 10, 2003. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the deadline for response to August 10, 2003. Therefore, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the remarks presented herein, is respectfully requested.